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FAKIR: Vell, I haf some for ten cents, Mister.—*Texas Siftings.*

A SCIENTIFIC journal announces with its hat over one ear that sound waves have actually been photographed. It don't say that a man's opinion of a cow in the garden looks like a panel of burled walnut, but we have a sinewy suspicion that such is the case. —*Ram's Horn.*

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"Mamma, what is that?" she asked.

"The lighthouse lamp, my dear."

"Who lights it?"

"The lighthouse keeper."

"With matches?" asked Mildred.

"I suppose so," replied mamma.

"Well, all I've got to say," commented Mildred, "is that he wastes a good many matches."—*Harper's Young People.*

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THE PROFESSOR (*drawing a letter out of his pocket*): It is very strange. I'm sure I put this in the letter-box, but, (*searching further*), goodness gracious! where's my handkerchief?—*Philadelphia Times.*

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REGINALD DE MONTFORT (*folding his arms and glaring fiercely*): Madam, do you know me?

MRS. GUINEVERE MCGINNIS (*with hauteur*): I must confess, sir, that I have not that honor.

R. DE M. (*hissing into her ear*): Then I will tell you.

MRS. MCG.: Oh, great heavens! I see it all now. You are—oh, have pity, have pity!

R. DE M. (*sneering*): Pity? Pity and I are strangers. You must answer to me.

MRS. MCG. (*almost overcome*): Yes, yes; I know—but think—I am only a weak womar. Be generous.

R. DE M. (*visibly affected*): Woman I dare not spare you even though I might wish to.

MRS. MCG.: And you will know all!

R. DE M.: I must.

MRS. MCG. (*with visible effort at self-control*): Then I am 34 years old, have no mental defects, am nearsighted, slightly deaf, but am not deformed; we own our own home, and it isn't mortgaged. Now, sir Leave me, leave me. (Falls fainting to the floor, while Reginald de M. stalks calmly through the door).—*Washington Post.*

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He: O, DO SAY YOU WILL MARRY ME! WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER?
She (hesitating): ER—I—ER—ER——
He: WHY, ANYONE WOULD THINK I HAD ASKED YOU TO SING!

IT DID NOT MATCH.

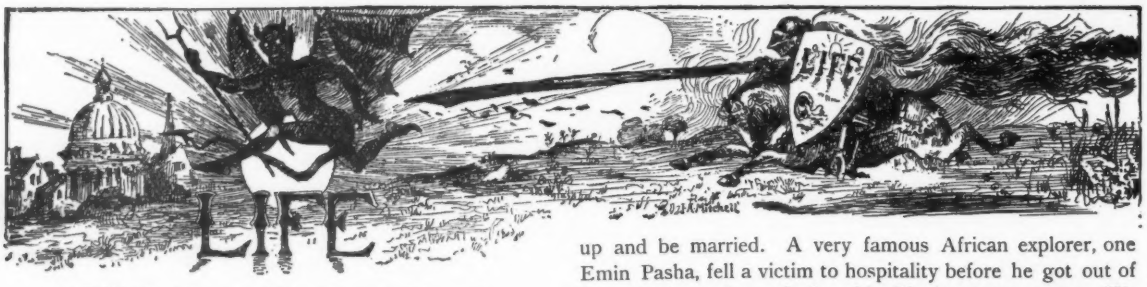
GROCER: I'll sell you that melon for fifteen cents.
CUSTOMER: That melon doesn't suit me.
GROCER: What's the trouble with it?
CUSTOMER: It's green and I'm not.

AS MATTERS STAND NOW.

MRS. FAKIR: Shall we invite President Harrison?
MR. FAKIR: No, dear; we cannot afford to make him a present of a cottage, and you know he wouldn't come unless we did.

WINKS: I learn that my old friend, Minks, editor of the *Daily Clarion*, was found dead in his office this morning. Foul play is suspected.
JINKS: Had he been making many enemies lately?
WINKS: No, none at all. He had stopped all sensationalism and was printing a pure, modest, highly moral family paper.
JINKS: Then he has not been murdered. He has simply starved to death.

WIFE: What do you suppose baby is thinking about?
THE BRUTE: I 'spose he's thinking what to cry about to-night.



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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LIFE learns, not without pain, that the husband of Mrs. Bonanza Mackay, a lady famous on both sides of the Atlantic, is again advertising rewards offered for the detection of some evil-minded person who accuses her of washing clothes in early life. It was known some time since that Mrs. Mackay had been accused of having taken in washing, and had met the charge and overcome it with law suits and affidavits. But it seems that her disavowals and prosecutions have been powerless against the malice that prompts the charge.

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IT is a pity that Mrs. Mackay should let a little thing like that trouble her. Even if it were true that she had ever had the strength and courage to fight poverty over a wash-tub, no one whose opinion is worth considering would think any worse of her on that account. An interesting and cultivated woman is not a bit less attractive because it is known that she was poor and plucky in early life. In the estimation of a reflective being the story of the wash-tub would add as much to the interest attaching to Mrs. Mackay's personality as that Andrew Carnegie gains from the story of his entering Pittsburg on foot with a loaf of bread under each arm. If she had the right feelings, she would be proud of the wash-tub imputation, and if she would only adopt it, and enter the market with "Mrs. Mackay's Own Laundry Soap," it is impossible to forecast how much she might add to resources already respectable. If the mother-in-law of a Colonna must tremble at the shadow of a wash-board, surely those early foreign alliances fall even shorter than had been supposed of being worth their price. But be that as it may, there is vast money in soap, and if Mrs. Mackay once puts her's on the market she won't have to wait until dukes are two a penny before she can fill her hand.

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TO have convoyed one's stomach through the thickets of Africa to have it wrecked at London dinner-parties would seem a hard fate. Mr. Stanley is to be congratulated on retaining enough control of his insides to be able to stand up and be married. A very famous African explorer, one Emin Pasha, fell a victim to hospitality before he got out of the woods, and nearly lost his life in consequence. His example should have served Mr. Stanley in better stead. And yet, now we think of it, it is true that Stanley stuck to Africa as long as he could, and gathered strength for months at Cairo to meet the London cooks. Lucky man to have lived to put a wife between himself and his entertainers.

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AN interesting sign of the political times is the growth of speculation as to what is passing nowadays in the mind of Mr. Blaine. People were wondering the other day what he thought of Mr. McKinley's tariff bill. They have wondered since what he thinks of Mr. Harrison and Mosquito Cottage; and they have wondered more lately still how he has been impressed with the remarkable exploits of Mr. Reed, as Speaker of the House. The fact that the authorship of a recent magazine article criticising Mr. Reed's rulings was attributed to Mr. Blaine is evidence of what his feelings toward Mr. Reed are believed to be, and he has been credited with a decided distaste for Mr. McKinley's tariff tinkering. The general suspicion is that it is far from a trial to him to be as far from Washington as Bar Harbor, and that he is glad of the independent and elegant occupation he finds in wrangling with Sir Julian Pauncefort over Behring Sea.

But though Mr. Blaine is suspected of dissatisfaction with his political associates, it is yet to be demonstrated that the suspicion does him harm. There are more ways than one in which the company a man keeps may affect his reputation. He may associate with such an unprepossessing crew as to appear very favorably by contrast. Perhaps Mr. Blaine showed his appreciation of stage effect when he took his seat between Generals Wanamaker and Harrison.

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"THE time I've lost in wooing," a young man said, "I do not regret, for I had the fun and I gained the experience. But I grudge the time I habitually lose in trying to remember to spell Cincinnati with two 'n's' and one 't,' and not with one 'n' and two 't's.' The exercise gives no pleasure, and leaves me no wiser than I was. It is wasted effort."

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IT is glad news that those diamonds have been recovered. An increase of cardiac affections reported by physicians is attributed to the fact that the hearts of the American people stand still so often over the loss of Mrs. Stevens's jewels.

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"ARMOREL OF LYONESSE."

WALTER BESANT has made two reputations—one as a writer of amusing and spirited novels in collaboration with James Rice, the other, and later, as a writer of stories with a purpose of practical philanthropy, one of which has resulted in the famous "People's Palace" of London. The spirit of the preacher and reformer is often strong within him, and he has recently been leading a crusade of authors against publishers.

When he wrote "Armorel of Lyonesse" (Harper's), however, he came down from the pulpit and spun an old-fashioned Romance; and no device of calling it a "Romance of To-day" can make it modern. Here are all the stock properties of romances for at least two generations. There is the ingenuous country girl, beautiful, full of aspirations, waiting for a fairy Prince. He always appears late in the first chapter, or early in the second. In English stories he is either a lord or an artist; in American, an artist or a civil engineer. The Civil Engineer Motive is the favorite in America, because in our industrial conditions the engineer is more apt to develop into a millionaire than is an artist. In England the artist has certain social opportunities which give him the preference—and Mr. Besant, therefore, wisely makes his fairy Prince an artist.

Of course, the Prince always goes away as suddenly as he came, leaving behind him a broken-hearted girl, who swears she can never love again. At this point the writer of a Romance can follow either one of two formulæ—he can hint at a dark crime, a great mental struggle, at despair and suicide; or, if he is less bent on tragedy, he can make love the awakening touch to fill the country girl with a determination to achieve culture, fashion, and knowledge of the world, with the intention of some day flashing upon her recreant lover as a full-fledged goddess in a Worth dress. Mr. Besant, with his strong predisposition for a "moral purpose," chooses the second formula.

An indispensable part of this second formula is that several Polished Worldly Villains must be introduced as foils to the simple virtue of the Ingenuous Country Girl. These are generally instruments of culture to open the eyes of the ingénue to the perils which beset her way to the fairy Prince. However, virtue fed on country air always triumphs over vice nurtured in a city, and the curtain descends on a repentant Prince, and a happy pair of reunited lovers. Mr. Besant, as the result of long experience with the reading public, follows this part of the formula to the letter.

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BUT very few spinners of romance on these old lines could write so charmingly as this author. Part First of this story is a beautiful *genre* picture of life on one of the Scilly Islands, off Lands' End, England. The sea and the

HOW YOUNG CHESLEY OBTAINED PRACTICAL RESULTS BY TYING HIS HANDKERCHIEF TO FIDO'S T' .

breakers that surround these islands; the little hills of the island of Samson and the flower farm that lies between; the old house with its centuries of tradition, and bric-a-brac collected by generations of sailors; the Ancient Lady in her hooded chair; the withered servants who sit in the background and smoke, and the center figure of it all, the beautiful *Armorel* ("black hair, black eyes, a strongly marked brow, a dark cheek of warm and ruddy hue, the lips full but the mouth finely curved, features large but regular")—all these things are painted in soft colors and gray tints, with streaks of sunlight here and there. Indeed, this First Part is so good, that when the action changes to London, and the unreal, distorted, and wholly artificial life is portrayed, one becomes impatient of the novelist and his book for leading one into such a depressing atmosphere through so pleasant a portal.

Droch.

IN THE SURF.

Mr. Boldboy (smiling killingly): THE WAVES ARE USING YOU RUDELY. WILL YOU PERMIT ME TO ASSIST YOU TO THE SHORE?

Miss Waterly: NEVER MIND, THANK YOU. THE WAVES MAY BE RUDE BUT THEY ARE NOT FRESH.

NEW BOOKS.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS. By W. E. Henley. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

Practical Sanitary and Economic Cooking. By Mary Hinman Abel. Rochester: American Public Health Association.

In Stella's Shadow. By Albert Ross. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

A GOOD HOME FOR THEM.

COBWIGGER: What makes you think those four pups will please your wife?

YOUNGHUSBAND: Because I'm sure she could make such nice dog biscuit.

OLD AS THE HILLS—The valleys.

THE CRY OF THE EXTRA GIRLS.

(*See illustration on next page.*)

WE sit in groups upon the beach,
A fluffy mass of Summer dresses,
We break in little waves of speech,
We give each other quick caresses.
But though our laughter echoes gay,
Above the crowd's persistent humming,
Our thoughts are very far away.
We wonder when the men are coming!

Oh, careless youths in flannel clad,
Why waste this golden, perfect weather?
Let every lassie and her lad,
Go roaming o'er the rocks together.
For youth is brief, and time flies fast,
And waits for none; the more's the pity.
The Summer time will soon be past,
And Autumn drive us to the city.

The tennis ground is smooth and green,
The beach's sands are gleaming whitely;
A brighter moon was never seen
Than rises o'er the waters nightly.
Then come while yet the days are long,
And stir us from our lazy leisure,
Till life goes gayly, like a song
To which our pulses throb in measure.

And when the sea and skies are grey,
And woods to gold and crimson turning,
Then say good-bye, and go your way
To business cares, or college learning.
We'll drop the curtain on our parts,
Of breaking faith you won't accuse us;
We do not ask you for your hearts,
We only ask you to amuse us.

S. St. G. Laurence.

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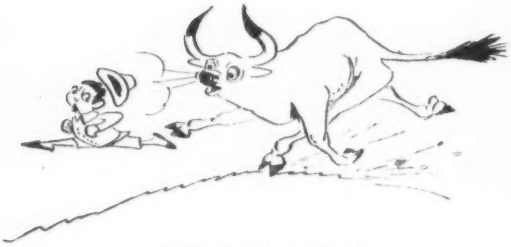
A Nut.

A Nut-meg.

A Ham.

A Ham-mer.

The moon is up.
The man is up.
The cat is up.
The moon is full.
The man is not full.
The cat will soon be full.
Sing, cat, sing!



Can the boy run?
Oh, yes; the boy can run.
The cow is after the boy.
Run, cow, run.

See the watch.
It is ly-ing on the bed.
Do you hear the watch tick?
Yes, but I do not hear the bed-tick.

Clerk: WELL, YOUNG MEN, WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Spokesman: DE BOYS IS GOIN' TO HAVE A DOG FIGHT IN DE BASEMENT OF DE CHURCH, AN' AS WE'RE ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS, WE AIN'T GOIN' TO HAVE NO CUSSIN' NOR SWEARIN'; AN' AS DE SHOW WILL OPEN WID A PRAYER, WE T'OUGHT YOU'D LIKE TER SEND A REPORTER DOWN TER TAKE NOTES.

HORTICULTURE IN THE CITY.

Mr. Morris: I THINK I'LL LEAVE THE WINDOW OPEN THIS FORENOON, AND GIVE THE ORANGE TREE SOME AIR.

He: DID YOU READ MY POEM LAST NIGHT?
She: I BEGAN IT.
He: INTERRUPTED, I SUPPOSE?
She: No.

THE SUBSEQUENT PROCESSION.

WHAT IS THE USE?

WHAT is the use of repeating I love her,
What of proclaiming her pretty, and then
What of declaring there's no maid above her,
Singing her praises again and again?

What is the use of my sending her sonnets,
Letting my fervor poetic run loose,
(Doubtless she'd rather have bon-bons and bonnets),
Since she said "yes" to me, what is the use?

—*Nathan M. Levy.*

IT DIDN'T WORK.

SHE: How beautifully she sings.
HE: Yes. Reminds me of Patti.
SHE (*eagerly*): Oh, tell me, have you heard Patti?
HE: N-no.

STILL AT LOGGERHEADS.

ONE bright Sunday morning a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum was strolling through his garden—a large, beautiful garden—when his eye chanced to fall upon a gaily-colored bird. The bird was balancing himself on a neighboring twig and singing with much gusto. As their eyes met the bird cocked his head to one side and exclaimed:

"Isn't it fun!"

"Isn't what fun?" asked the trustee, with some severity.

"Why, the whole thing! It's just fun to be out. Look at the colors of everything! Smell the flowers and hear me sing."

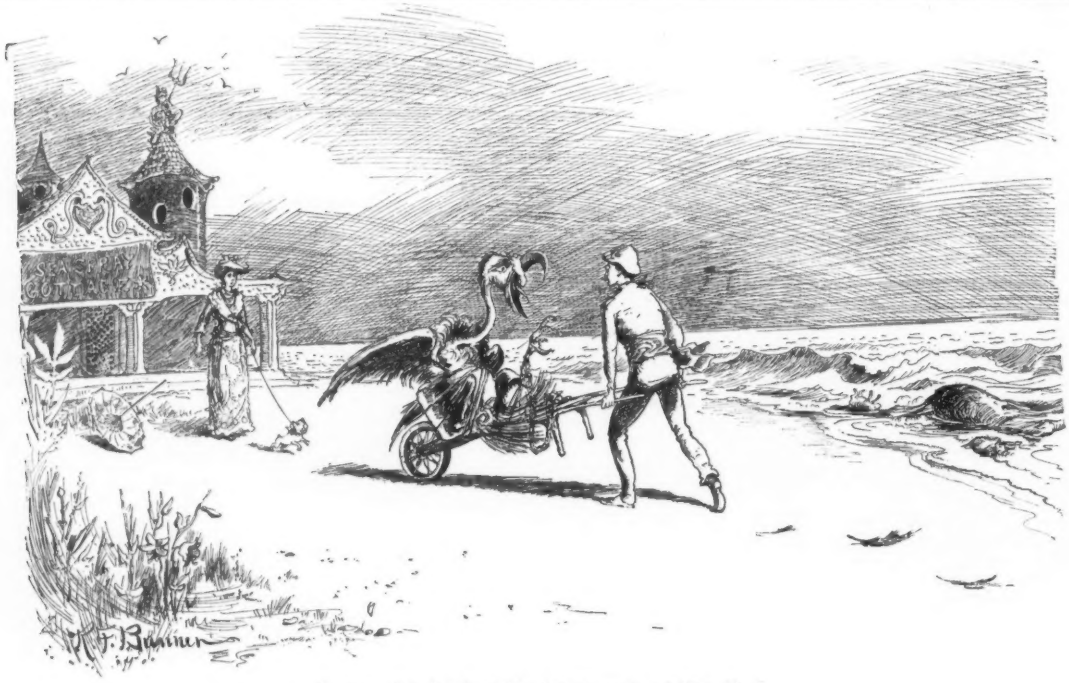
Hereupon he opened his mouth, expanded his gaudy chest and burst forth into a wild song. But the trustee checked him at once and said: "Shame on you, impious wretch! Do you forget this is the Sabbath day?"

"No, I don't," replied the musician; "that's just what I'm celebrating."

"Well, you ought to be punished," said the trustee, whose thin mouth had begun to draw down at the corners. "If you were my bird I would shut you up Sundays, and keep your gaudy plumage from the eyes of men." He strode angrily away and muttered to himself, "Why is it that Nature and I cannot agree upon the proper observance of the Sabbath?"

AN OMINOUS SIGN.

Wife: OH, JOHN, I DON'T THINK YOU WILL LIVE VERY MUCH LONGER.
Frugal Husband (a sick man): HAS THE DOCTOR TOLD YOU ANYTHING ABOUT MY CONDITION?
Wife: NO; BUT HE HANDED ME HIS BILL TO-DAY.



Scene: Any beach within twenty miles of New York.

Young wife: CHARLEY, DEAR, WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING HOME?
Enterprising Husband: ONLY AN ABLE-BODIED VULTURE, MY DEAR. I AM GOING TO CHAIN HIM ON THE BEACH AT LOW TIDE AND SEE IF I CAN'T GET THE BETTER OF THE NEW YORK GARBAGE SCOWS.

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MONTAGUE WILLIAMS, the famous London lawyer, tells in his "Reminiscences," a curious anecdote of a gentleman who, going to sleep in a railway carriage in a compartment having but one other occupant, woke and missed his watch. Instantly he accused his fellow-traveler of stealing it. The other indignantly denied the charge, but was arrested. When the case came up in Bow Street the prosecutor, greatly confused, stated he had made a lamentable mistake, having discovered since the arrest that he had left his watch at home that morning by inadvertence. Nothing remained but to tender his sincerest apologies to the innocent man in the dock.

Sir James Ingram, who was presiding in the court, hereupon observed: "It is a most remarkable occurrence. To show, however, how liable we all are to make these mistakes, I may mention, as an extraordinary coincidence, that I myself have only this morning been guilty of precisely the same oversight as the one in question. I was under the impression when I left my home in Remington that I put my watch (which, I may mention, is an exceedingly valuable one) in my pocket; but on arriving at this court I found that I must have left it at home by mistake."

When the judge returned home that night, one of his daughters met him and exclaimed:

"Papa, dear, I suppose you got your watch all right?"

"Well, my dear," replied the magistrate, "as a matter of fact, I went out this morning without it."

"Yes, I know, papa," his daughter replied, "but I gave it to the man from Bow Street who called for it."

Of course the "man from Bow Street" was a shrewd thief who had been in court that morning, had heard Sir James tell the story of his "extraordinary coincidence," and, no doubt stimulated by the remark about the great value of the watch, had taken this simple method to obtain possession of it. Nor did the victim ever see his property again.—*Argonaut.*

A QUIET young fellow emerged from one of our suburban hotels the other day and began poking in the sand, which is uncommonly thick just there, with his cane. Of course, a bystander saw him, and asked what he was about.

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Finally some one remembered to ask the quiet young fellow how he happened to lose the coin.

"Oh, I didn't lose any," he replied, calmly. "I just thought I might find one if I looked long enough, that's all."

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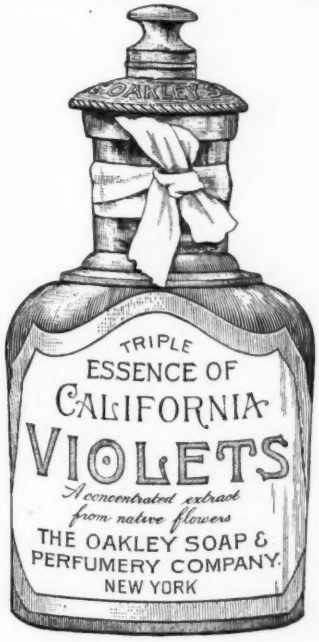

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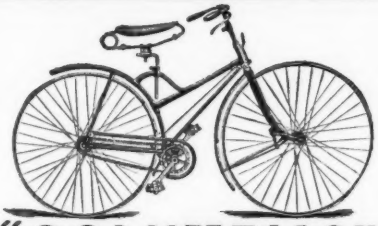

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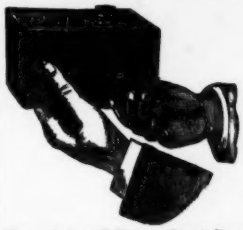

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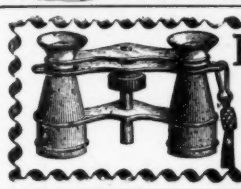

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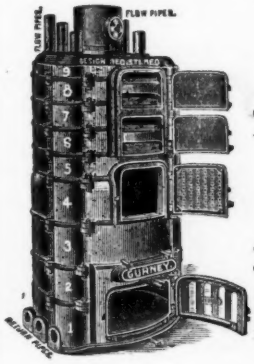

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